

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

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ABSTRACT

~~In an embodiment of the present invention a~~ A minimally invasive implant alleviates discomfort and lack of stability in the lumbosacral region of the spine. The implant after being surgically implanted alleviates pain and increases lumbosacral stability while being minimally invasive. In an embodiment of the invention a base is adapted to be mounted onto a S1 vertebra and the ~~The~~ beam of the implant engages the spinous process of the L5 vertebrae to spread the mechanical load from the vertebrae through the device.